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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Renewal of the Church

- *Weekend Masses: Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m.
 Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.
- *Weekday Masses: Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.
 Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon
- *Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: Every 1st Saturday and Sunday of the month after Mass.
- *Confession: Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment.
- *Baptism: Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic.
- *Weddings: Please make arrangements at least six months in advance before any other plans are made.
- *Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688
- *Parish Council: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad.
- *Choir Members: Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Holly Stahl.
- *Bulletin Coordinator: Thomasina Geimer
- *Altar Server: Earl Duffy and Joe Roxby
- *Altar Boy: Christopher AlKhouri
- *Cedar Club: Linda Duffy, President
- *Women's Society: Jeannette Wakim, President



- *Bulletin Announcements: Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week.
- *New Parishioners: We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners.
- *Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament: Her prayers will accompany you to heaven.

Renewal of the church

Readings: 2 Mac 10:1-9; Heb 9:11-15 and Jn 10:22-42

With the risen Christ, we gather faithfully together on the Lord's day. We are transformed into his Body and Blood for the world. Filled with the joy of the Spirit, we have the courage to proclaim God's word. Sometimes we know victory; at other times, defeat. At times people listen; other times, they turn a deaf ear. Though success and disappointment alternately accompany our work, we do not give up. We refuse to listen to the voice of discouragement. We obey the voice of the Lord, who reminds us: ***"I have made you a light to all nations, a means of salvation to the ends of the earth!"***

The Spirit invites us to lift up our eyes and try to catch a glimpse of the vision John sees: a huge throng from *"every nation and race, people and tongue"* dressed in white baptismal garments and waving palm branches of victory. When we see with John's eyes, we have our own experience on the Lord's day, perhaps different from John's but just as real. When Christians take part in the great chorus raised in heaven, then things really begin to happen on earth. Never again will people suffer and mourn, hunger or thirst, for the Lamb of God is their shepherd.

"My sheep hear my voice and follow me," Jesus tells us. Though God will not always shield us from adversity, Jesus guides his flock to life-giving waters. Jesus has a firm grip on those in his care, and no one can snatch them away. ***"We are his people, the flock that he tends,"*** we rejoice in God's faithfulness, which endures to all generations.

Sponsor a Christian Student in Lebanon's Catholic Schools

Dear Parishioners,

Please read the attached letter of our Bishop Elias Zaidan concerning sponsoring a student in the Christian catholic schools of Lebanon. **Cost: \$150.00.** We will have a second collection on Saturday and Sunday, November 4th and 5th for this purpose. May your good deeds shine like the sun in the kingdom of heaven. We will forward all your donations to our chancery in Los Angeles.

We are overwhelmed by the quick response to this appeal by many generous benefactors in our parish. We will publish other names in the next bulletin. May their good deeds open the gates of heaven for them: Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Nick Ghaphery, Jean Weisner, Gary Weisner, Mary Beth Weisner, Ron Weisner, Dennis Albaugh, Ron & Kim Gibbons, Mark Schroeder, Ron & Susan Burns, Dr. & Mrs. Nabil Alkhouri, Jay & Liz Murad, Chris & Jeannette Wakim, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Larry & Lillian Siebieda, Virgil & Julie Elkinton, Marvin Rosenberg (in Memory of his wife Elaine), and many others who donated cash. --Msgr Bakhos

Jesus performed 37 Miracles.

We will publish them weekly in order to strengthen our faith that Jesus is indeed the Son of God who has divine power to heal and raise the dead by a Word from his mouth. Blessed are those who believe without seeing Him.

The 36th miracle of Jesus when he healed the servant ear while he is being arrested

One of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus answered, "Stop this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him. (Luke 22:50-51)

Creating your legacy

How can you manage your charitable giving more efficiently to benefit the charities you love and support, like our church established by our ancestors since 1906? The Parish Council opened an Endowment Fund Account designated exclusively for the church maintenance for years to come. All donations are tax deductible. Please let us keep our beautiful church well maintained and donate anytime toward this account or put the church in writing in your last will. To donate, please call the church office at 304-233-1688. May the Blessed Mother reward you in this life and in the next.

--Monsignor Bakhos, pastor.

This Weekend: Sat.-Sun., Nov. 11-12: Renewal of the church

Saturday, November 11, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne
- ✠ Deceased of the Roxby & Olinski Families by Joe Roxby

Sunday, November 12, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin (Anniversary) by Mark & barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ John Shiben by Denna O. Shiben (FL)

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, November 13: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, November 14 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Wednesday, November 15: No Mass. Office Work.

Thursday, November 16 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Joseph A. Benline (Anniversary) by his wife Helen Benline
- ✠ Mary Thomas by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ John Shiben by Denna O. Shiben (FL)

Friday, November 17: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next Weekend: Sat.-Sun., Nov. 18-19: Announcement to Zechariah

Saturday, November 18, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Saseen and Steve Schlog by Fran Saseen
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, November 19, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ John Shiben by Denna O. Shiben (FL)

Coming Parish Events

Thanksgiving Masses	Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, November 22: Mass at 5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 23: Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 3 rd	Christmas Dinner after 10:30 am Mass (Dinner will be served at noon)
Christmas Novena	Every Saturday and Sunday during December after Communion No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during December

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

November 24: Rex Strawn

November 26: Mary Lish

December 3: Joey John

December 7: Christina Committee Zdilla

December 12: Lou Khourey

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,472.00	Sunday Collection
3,089.00	2 nd collection to sponsor Christian students in Lebanon
120.00	Bulletin Ads
37.00	Candles
20.00	Coffee hour
80.00	Christmas Dinner
385.00	Donation to the church
1,742.50	Bake sale
386.00	Utilities
\$7,331.50	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns, Liz Murad

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)

Anthony Wakim, Frank Duymich, Earl Duffy, Fran Saseen, Mary Stees, Rex Strawn, Sandra DeMuth, Ken Imer, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Jamie Stoneking (nephew of Charlotte and Lou Khourey), Patty Olinsky, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Earl Ragase, Patrick Sengewalt, Renee Beabout (daughter of Marge John), Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

What's New?

Condolences: Linda Hostutler

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Hostutler Family on the loss of their beloved Linda who passed away in Wheeling. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on Wednesday, November 8th. The choir of the church served the funeral Mass and the Women's Society served the Mercy Meal at the Cedar Hall after the interment. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

Bake Sale financial report

	Income	Expenses	Net profit
Thanksgiving Bake Sale	\$8,785.35	\$2,571.47	\$6,213.88

Bulletin Ad Page

We are preparing the ad page at the back of our weekly bulletin. It is a good way to advertise your business and to support the church in defraying the cost of printing the bulletins. Please call Msgr Bakhos or Charlotte at 304-639-1372 if you would like to place a personal or business ad. Cost is \$120.00 for a single space ad (2.5 inches x 1.5 inches) for the entire year. You can purchase more adjacent ads.

Christmas Gift from our Church Gift Shop

Order your Christmas Gifts to your family and friends from our Gift Shop. Please call 304-233-1688

Aprons	\$25.00
Born & Raised T-shirt	\$25.00
Heartbeat T-shirt	\$25.00
Dry Fit Festival T-shirt (youth)	\$25.00
Dry Fit Festival T-shirt (adult)	\$30.00

Festival Golf Shirt (youth)	\$35.00
Festival Golf Shirt (adult)	\$40.00

Rummage Sale Items Drop off all Year Long

Please bring with you to the church all the items you wish to donate toward the Rummage Sale. Items are accepted all year long. The Cedar Club and the Women Society raise funds to cover the expensive Building Insurance of our church. Any donation is accepted and helpful. We will open the basement door for you anytime. Please call 304-233-1688

Spirituality: Footprints

One night I had a dream, I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashing scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's. When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and, to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was the loudest and saddest times in my life. I asked the Lord about it: *"Lord, You said that once I decided to follow You, You would walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why You left my side when I needed You most."*

The Lord said, *"My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you saw only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."*

Wisdom

A wise old gentleman retired and purchased a modest home near a junior high school. He spent the first few weeks of his retirement in peace and contentment ... then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young boys, full of youthful, after-school enthusiasm, came down his street, beating merrily on every trash can they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the wise old man decided it was time to take some action.

The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists as they banged their way down the street. Stopping them, he said, "You kids are a lot of fun. I like to see you express your exuberance like that. Used to do the same thing when I was your age. Will you do me a favor? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing."

The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the trash cans. After a few days, the old-timer greeted the kids again, but this time he had a sad smile on his face. "This recession's really putting a big dent in my income," he told them. "From now on, I'll only be able to pay you 50 cents to beat on the cans." The noisemakers were obviously displeased, but they did accept his offer and continued their afternoon ruckus.

A few days later, the wily retiree approached them again as they drummed their way down the street. "Look," he said, "I haven't received my Social Security check yet, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?" "A lousy quarter?" the drum leader exclaimed. "If you think we're going to waste our time, beating these cans around for a quarter, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!" And the old man enjoyed peace and serenity for the rest of his days.

Story

Years ago, while unearthing an ancient Egyptian tomb, an archaeologist came upon seeds buried in a piece of wood. Planted, the seeds realized their potential after more than 3,000 years! Are there conditions in the lives of people so discouraging, so defeating, that human beings - regardless of inherent potentiality - are doomed to lives of failure and quiet desperation? Or are there also seeds of possibility in people, an urge for becoming that is so strong that the hard crust of adversity is breached? Consider this story that came over the wires of the Associated Press on May 23, 1984:

As a child, Nancy did not learn to read and write. Experts labeled her retarded. As an adolescent, she "earned" an additional label, "incorrigible," and was sentenced to two years in a reformatory. It was here, ironically, in this closed-in place, that Nancy - bending to the challenge to learn - worked at her task for as long as 16 hours a day. Her hard work paid off. She was awarded her (GED) high school diploma.

But more misfortune was to visit Nancy. After leaving the reformatory, she became pregnant without benefit of marriage. Then, two years later a second pregnancy resulted in a stroke, erasing her hard-earned powers of reading and writing. With the help and support of her father, Nancy battled back, regaining what she had lost.

In dire financial straits, Nancy went on welfare. Finally, to make ends meet, she took in seven foster children. It was during this period that she started taking courses at a community college. Upon completion of her course work, she applied to and was accepted by the Medical School to study medicine.

In the spring Nancy paraded in full academic regalia across the graduation stage. No one can know what private thoughts went through her mind as she reached out to grasp this eloquent testimony to her self-belief and perseverance, her diploma that announced to all the world: Here stands on this small point of Planet Earth a person who dared to dream the impossible dream, a person who confirms for all of us our human divineness. Here stands Nancy, M.D.

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Lipstick

According to a news report, a certain private school in Washington was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick, they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night the maintenance man would remove them, and the next day the girls would put them back. Finally, the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night. To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

Killer in the Cure

A medical student was doing a rotation in toxicology at the poison control center. A woman called in and was quite upset. She had caught her little daughter eating ants.

The medical student quickly reassured her that ants are not harmful and there would be no need to bring her daughter into the hospital. The woman calmed down and at the end of the conversation happened to mention that she had taken precautions and had given her daughter some ant poison to eat to make sure the ants were dead.

The medical student told the woman to bring her daughter to the emergency room *-right away!*

Toothbrush Hygiene

A little boy came out of the bathroom screaming. He ran to his mother and told her that he had dropped his toothbrush in the toilet.

His mother fished the toothbrush out of the toilet and threw it in the garbage. The boy watched carefully as his mother did this. He then ran to his mother's bathroom and came back with her toothbrush.

He held the toothbrush up for his mother to see and then told her, "We had better throw this one away too; it fell in the toilet a few days ago."